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TAGS: PINT, PFOR, PK, IN
SUBJ: BHUTTO REMARKS RE FORTHCOMING US VISIT

1. IN COURSE OF JULY 8 VISIT TO DERA ISMAIL KHAN, (WHERE HE HAD GONE TO INSPECT FLOOD DAMAGE), PRESIDENT BHUTTO ASSURED PUBLIC MEETING THAT PAKISTAN'S NATIONAL INTEREST AND SOVEREIGNTY WOULD NOT BE COMPROMISED DURING HIS FORTHCOMING US VISIT. VISIT ITSELF WAS, IN FACT, IN SUPREME NATIONAL INTEREST. PRESIDENT REFERRED TO RECENT PRESS ITEMS INSTIGATED BY "VESTED INTERESTS" WARNING OF US PRESSURE FOR INDO-PAK CONFEDERATION, TERMING THEM ABSURD AND RIDICULOUS. PRESIDENT SAID THAT PEOPLE OF PAKISTAN WERE FULLY AWARE HE HAD NOT "SUBMITTED" TO PRESIDENTS KENNEDY AND JOHNSON, SO HOW COULD HE DO IT NOW?. HE WAS SURE, HE ADDED, THAT PRESIDENT NIXON DID NOT WISH DISCUSS WITH HIM ANY-THING WHICH WAS AGAINST PAKISTAN'S INTEREST. REST OF HIS SPEECH WAS DEVOTED TO VARIOUS DOMESTIC TOPICS.

2. COMMENT: CANARD ABOUT US PRESSURE TO CREATE INDO-PAK CONFEDERATION RE-EMERGES AT REGULAR INTERVALS. PARTICULAR
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"VESTED INTEREST" PRESS ITEM REFERRED TO BY BHUTTO ON

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THIS OCCASION PRESUMABLY WAS SPEECH BY TEHRIK-I-ISTIGLAL
CHIEF ASHGAR KHAN REPORTED IN PRESS JULY 7. IN THIS
SPEECH ASGHAR KHAN QUOTED AS WARNING THAT IT BHUTTO "MAKES
ANY ANTI-PAKISTAN COMMITMENT" DURING US VISIT, IT WOULD
NOT BE BINDING ON PEOPLE OF PAKISTANGR ELABORATING, HE
REPORTEDLY ASSERTED THAT BHUTTO, UNDER US PRESSURE, MIGHT
COMMIT HIMSELF TO SOMETHING NOT IN INTEREST OF COUNTRY
SUCH AS RECOGNITION BANGLADESH OR CONFEDERATION WITH
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